

## CLAIMS

- 1 1. A candle comprising:
  - 2 a. a central, axial core of candle fuel;
  - 3 b. a wick, extending axially within the central core; and
  - 4 c. a plurality of stacked rings having an opening, for receipt of the central core,
  - 5 said rings being disposed around the central core.
- 1 2. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings are of differing compositions.
- 1 3. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have differing coloring agent  
2 compositions.
- 1 4. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have differing fragrances.
- 1 5. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings are non-flammable.
- 1 6. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core has a lower melting point from  
2 the rings.

- 1 7. A candle in accordance with claim 2, wherein the rings have engaging ends that have  
2 mating surface contours.
- 1 8. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings have a circular cylindrical  
2 periphery.
- 1 9. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rings have a square cylindrical  
2 periphery.
- 1 10. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein said opening in the rings has a diameter  
2 substantially equal an outside diameter of the central core for mating, slidable  
3 engagement with the core.
- 1 11. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core extends a selected distance  
2 above an upper-most stacked ring.
- 1 12. A candle in accordance with claim 1, wherein the core has a bottom flange extending  
2 radially to form a base.
- 1 13. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base has a melting point higher  
2 than the core.

1 14. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base is comprised of wax.

1 15. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the base is comprised of a non-  
2 flammable solid.

1 16. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein the periphery of the rings is  
2 substantially in conformity with the periphery of the base.

1 17. A candle in accordance with claim 12, wherein at least one ring has a recessed cavity  
2 that is matingly engageable around the base.